

TAFTITES IN SADDLE

Plan Display of Fireworks in Massachusetts To-day.

SENATORS ASK FOR HARMONY

Lodge Joins with Crane in Appealing to Delegates-Adherents of War Secretary Determined to Force Issue-Indications Are Taft Will Be Preferential Candidate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boston, Mass., April 9.—There is at mid-night every prospect of the liveliest Republican State convention to-morrow that Massachusetts has seen for years. At the same time, the strongest and most influential leaders in the latest councils are striving for harmony. But if there be harmony, there must be some quick work before the convention meets to elect four delegates-at-large and to express, or not to express, its preference for the Republican nominee for President.

There is every indication that the issue will be presented to the convention and that it will be pressed to a vote. The midnight oil burns over the precise form of a resolution to be reported to-morrow. The presence in the city of both Senators Lodge and Crane, and their meeting with many delegates and others at a public reception to-night adds to the excitement. There have been many suggestions of compromise as to the form of a resolution. The difficulty up to this hour has been that every suggestion carries with it more or less indirectly the name of Taft.

Cause for Opposition.

However such a resolution might be construed within Massachusetts, it is recognized that the mildest phrase that could be contrived, if it contains the name of any candidate, would be construed by the country as in his favor, even though its terms be not binding upon the delegates.

Senator Lodge has been talking harmony all day to those whom he met, while Senator Crane has been equally assiduous in showing the definite way to harmony is to have a free delegation to Chicago. One of those earnestly conferring with Senator Crane to-day was Lieut. Gov. Draper. If custom be followed, Gen. Draper will be the next Republican candidate for governor, and his interest in harmony is obvious.

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Says He Is a Good Runner Despite His Late Start.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 9.—Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, received many ovations from Democrats of Northern Indiana to-day as he passed through the State on his way to the Shiloh battlefield. When asked at Logansport if he was going into the Denver convention with the intention to win, he replied: "Yes, sir; I'm going to the convention to win. I would much rather have remained out, but Minnesota Democrats and others throughout the country insisted that I should run. Literally, they have forced me into this Presidential race, and I am going to run."

"Bryan has a good start, but I am a pretty good runner when I get going, and I may be able to close up the gap and beat him in the home stretch. If I had been free to do as I pleased, I would not have entered the race, but now that I am in it, I'm in it to the finish."

ROOSEVELT STAMPEDE FAILS

Taft Men Control the County Convention at Minneapolis.

La Follette Adherents Add to the Din, but Indorsement of the War Secretary Stands.

Minneapolis, April 9.—A sensation was sprung to-day at the Republican county convention in the form of a Roosevelt resolution. After Walter W. Heffelfinger, a strong Taft man, had been indorsed for delegate-at-large, and the Taft resolution put before the convention, an attempt to stampede the convention to Roosevelt was made.

The La Follette men charged in and the convention was in an uproar. The stampede was checked by Heffelfinger himself in a dramatic speech. He told the convention that if they wanted to withdraw their indorsement of Taft, they could count him out.

Capt. A. K. Kelly offered an amendment to the resolutions, adding La Follette as third choice. This was lost.

MAY NOMINATE SOUTHERNER.

Prohibitionists Hope to Get Several States Away from Bryan.

Chicago, April 9.—If the Prohibition national convention at Columbus on July 15 nominates a Southern statesman of prominence, Chairman Charles R. Jones, of the Prohibition National Committee, declared to-day, that the cold water candidate stands an excellent chance to carry several of the Southern States away from Bryan. Jones said that if the convention should elect a Southern statesman, he would be the next Republican candidate for governor, and his interest in harmony is obvious.

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LAUNCH GRAY LEAGUE

Democrats to Meet at Philadelphia to Organize.

FOUR STATES REPRESENTED

Prominent Men in Party from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland Begin Active Work for Judge Gray-Committee Appointed to Form State Clubs.

Philadelphia, April 9.—Fifty well-known Democrats from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland met to-night at the Hotel Walton and formed "The George Gray League," to secure the nomination of Judge Gray, of Delaware, as the Democratic candidate for President.

The Gray League, it was announced, will be made a national movement and a vigorous campaign to bring about his nomination for the Presidency will be made in every State. An appeal to the voters of the country, setting forth the qualifications of the Delaware jurist, will be issued in a few days, it was also said.

John Cadwallader, a member of the noted Cadwallader family of this city, presided at the meeting. E. K. Reynolds, a member of a well-known family of Delaware and a friend of Judge Gray, was secretary.

To carry on the formation of the league in every State an executive committee of fifteen staunch Democrats was appointed by Chairman Cadwallader. This committee will meet within the next few days, probably here.

BOTH INSTRUCT FOR CANNON.

Two Illinois Congressional Conventions Favor the Speaker.

Bloomington, Ill., April 9.—Ignoring Gov. Dineen and the entire State administration, the Republican Congressional committee of the Seventeenth district this afternoon indorsed Joseph G. Cannon for the Presidency.

Springfield, Ill., April 9.—The Republican Congressional convention for the Fifteenth district at Peoria to-day elected delegates to the national convention and instructed them for Cannon for President.

PRAISES SOUTH'S GROWTH.

Editor of Manufacturers' Record Makes Appeal to Section.

Special to The Washington Herald. Greensboro, N. C., April 9.—Richard H. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce here to-night made an appeal for conservation in treatment of the railroads and canal in general. "The South," he said, "is the great material progress. What it has wrought in agriculture, in manufactures, and in railroad developments has been the theme of many public addresses and of thousands of newspaper and magazine stories."

"We have laid the flattering unction to our soul that the progress of the South during the last fifteen or twenty years has been one of the marvels of the business world. This is all true, but may we not stop and inquire whether we are seizing the opportunities of the day in turning to the best account the resources which nature has lavished upon this section?"

"Against the background of fifteen years or more of ruin and desolation, from 1850 to 1870, the achievements of the South since 1870 are hardly short of the marvelous. In that period it has increased its production in agriculture from \$60,000,000 to \$2,250,000,000, in manufacturing from \$457,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000, and in mining from \$17,000,000 to \$289,000,000."

LIEUTENANT ENDS LIFE.

Signal Corps Officer David A. Lindsay Shoots Himself at Presidio.

First Lieut. David A. Lindsay, of the United States Signal Corps, stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself at that post. A telegram received at the War Department yesterday announcing his death gave no further details of the tragedy.

Lieut. Lindsay was born in Pennsylvania on July 17, 1875, and served during the Spanish-American war as a private, corporal, and sergeant of Battery L, of the Second Field Artillery.

Raymond Eason, hospital apprentice on board the battleship Kentucky, of the Atlantic fleet, died on board that vessel on April 4, according to a dispatch received at the Navy Department from the ship.

His death was due to an accidental gunshot wound from a .22 caliber rifle in the hands of a companion. It is supposed that he was shot during some arms practice. He was buried on shore at Magdalena Bay.

Eason enlisted at Baltimore, Md., on August 23, 1895.

Fall to Instruct for Cannon.

Springfield, Ill., April 9.—The Republican Congressional convention of the Tenth district elected A. R. Keys, of Evanston, and James Pease, of Edgewater, delegates to the Republican national convention. They are unopposed.

Judge Barnard Nominated.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 9.—Judge W. O. Barnard, of Newcastle, was nominated for Congress to-night at Shelbyville, on the 34th ballot, over five competitors.

The district is now represented by James E. Watson, "whip of the House."

PARAGRAPHS BY WIRE.

Chattanooga, April 9.—Lookout Inn, on top of Lookout Mountain, was badly damaged by fire originating from a charcoal stove used by tinner on the roof.

St. Paul, Minn., April 9.—Edward R. Spaulding, a Buffalo, banker, who was thrown from his buggy Saturday, died late last night without having regained consciousness.

Hallfax, N. S., April 9.—George Hill, deputy United States consul general here, was found dead in bed to-day. He had been taken ill and his engagement for the evening was canceled. She was able to go with the company to South Dakota.

Southern, April 9.—A party of deserting soldiers from the barracks here stole a schooner, The Lady, and started for the South Seas, but were wrecked off Waima. The soldiers were arrested on the charge of piracy.

Birmingham, Ala., April 9.—The Rev. Dr. J. H. McCoy, in an address before the Birmingham district conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, warned his hearers that educational gifts from Andrew Carnegie were a source of danger.

Boston, April 9.—John R. Raymond, seventeen years old, and John T. Sylvester, eighteen, were practicing speed in drawing revolvers at Raymond's home in Montgomery street, South End, when Raymond's revolver was discharged and Sylvester was shot through the heart.

HUGHES' SILENCE OPPRESSIVE.

New Yorkers Tell President "Sphinx Is Still Sphinxing."

There was some political talk at the White House yesterday when Representatives Cocks and Fassett, of New York, called on the President and had something to say about the situation in the Empire State.

One of the New Yorkers was heard to say that he was "tired of the vociferous silence of Gov. Hughes." Mr. Fassett had this to say in reference to the failure of the governor, up to this time, to express his preference as to the four delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention:

"The sphinx is still sphynxing, and seems in no danger of breaking the silence. If I were running the convention I would put it right up to Mr. Hughes, requiring him either to say 'what he wants or else forever keep silent.'"

COCKRAN ROUSES CHANDLER

New Yorker Roasts McCall Campaign Publicity Bill.

Compares It to Opera Bouffe—Says His Own Is Better—Former Senator Heard.

Not to be caught napping a second time, the Republican members of the House Committee on the Election of President, Vice President, and Representatives put in an appearance yesterday when the committee met to hear arguments of the pending bills for publicity in campaign contributions.

Verbal hostilities were resumed where they were left off Tuesday when, notwithstanding denials, a good old-fashioned rough house was avoided only by the exit of two members of the committee.

Representative Bourke Cockran set off the fireworks to-day when he declared that the McCall bill, so far as publicity was concerned, was on a par with opera bouffe or screaming farce comedy. Mr. Cockran thought that his bill was much better.

The McCall bill, he declared, could be dodged in every particular. This aroused the fighting blood of Perry Belmont and former Senator William Chandler. Senator Chandler said a few things that were much hotter than politeness, and demanded a report on the part of the committee. This was conceded, and more trouble was expected.

In urging a report on his bill, Mr. Cockran said that it was an effective measure. "It was drawn up by myself and two great lawyers in New York," said Mr. Cockran. "Unfortunately, the bill is not perfect."

Mr. Chandler expressed the belief that the McCall bill would meet the situation, and addressing Mr. Cockran, he added: "I object strongly to all of the knowledge being put into the hands of three men, two of whom are dead."

Mr. Chandler is deeply interested in the passage of a law providing for full publicity for all contributions made to national campaigns, and he asked that he be heard further on the pending measures. He started off so well that the committee readily consented to his suggestion that he be heard to-day.

BREAKS ONLY ONE PLEDGE.

Policeman Signs Two and Thinks Other Saves Him.

Chicago, April 9.—The convenience of signing two separate temperance pledges was shown yesterday in a case before the police trial board.

Patrick Barry, a patrol wagon driver, was on trial for intoxication and making a false official report.

In proof of his abstinence from liquor Barry submitted evidence in the form of a pledge he had signed.

Inspector McCarr also produced a pledge which Barry had given him personally. "Why were two pledges secured?" asked Commissioner McKelvey.

"I caught Barry drinking some time ago," explained the inspector. "I found he had signed two pledges. Barry excused himself by saying that he had signed two pledges and thought it would do no harm to break one of them."

The commissioner dismissed Barry from the service.

OPEN SHOP ON GREAT LAKES.

Carriers' Association Will Not Recognize Union on Vessels.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 9.—The open shop on the Great Lakes was promulgated by the Lake Carriers' Association here to-day. By unanimous vote in a meeting in which 91 per cent of the tonnage of the association was represented, the vessel owners declared against recognition of the unions.

In resolutions adopted the carriers' executive committee is expected to recognize a fair rate of wages and to provide for the comfort of all employees, in return demanding diligent and prompt service. Union men, it was said, would be employed, signing individually.

It may be that the prospect of a late and short season on the lakes will prevent an open clash. Union officers are reticent pending the decision as to whether to order a strike upon the Great Lakes unions.

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PRAISE FOR BRYAN

District Democrats Laud Course of Nebraskan.

CERTAIN OF HIS NOMINATION

Representative Lamar, of Missouri, Votes Sentiment When He Says He Hopes to See Peerless One Inaugurated March 4—Lack of Suffrage in District Discussed.

With speeches brimming with eulogy, William Jennings Bryan was last night lauded as the next President and the logical candidate of the Democratic party.

The speeches were made at the regular meeting of the Democratic Association of the District of Columbia, held in the Munsey Building.

Hon. Robert Lamar, Representative from Missouri, was one of the first speakers of the evening. He called attention to the fact that he was from "Silver Dick" Bland's old district, and, therefore, was an admirer of the Nebraskan.

After remarking that he hoped the six delegates from the District would be instructed for Bryan at Denver, the Representative said: "I trust that we will learn next November that not only old Missouri, but a majority of the electoral votes of this Union, have been cast for Mr. Bryan. I hope we may be able to inaugurate him on March 4, and seat him in the White House to serve us for four years."

Great applause greeted these statements, and Mr. Lamar concluded his address by saying: "It occurs to me that it is a strange situation in a government such as ours, where the government is supposed to rest originally with the individual who is the unit of our whole civilization, that here in the very Capital of the Nation the people are denied their citizenship."

Nearly All States for Bryan.

President Newman, of the association, in his address, said in part: "With three exceptions, every State committee has met and indorsed Mr. Bryan and asked its members to urge that the convention should instruct for him. The exceptions are the State of Minnesota, in which the friends of Mr. Bryan expect to get a majority of the delegates to the convention; the State of New York, which never instructs, and the State of Pennsylvania, which is always doubtful. Our immediate neighbor, West Virginia, through its State committee, has already indorsed Mr. Bryan, and the State of Virginia, from information I have, is ready to indorse and to instruct for him."

"I am glad to be able to say that at each weekly meeting of this association the chair will be able to report officially the existing status of the campaign made by Democrats for William Jennings Bryan."

Louis P. Shoemaker made a lengthy talk, expressing his views on the poor form of government in the District. He concluded by saying: "I believe in Democratic principles, and I believe in what is ordinarily denominated as republican principles—the idea of civil and religious liberty and the idea of the exercise of a government on the part of the people—and I am one of those who believe that there is absolutely no reason why there should be any inconsistency right here at the Capital of the Nation."

Favors District Suffrage.

Barry Bulkley also spoke strongly in favor of suffrage for the District.

The last speaker of the evening, Charles S. Benton, told of his personal acquaintance with Mr. Bryan, and said: "Mr. Bryan is a man who is a patriot; there is the man who is an American! That is the point. An American."

"The old soldier vote of this country, gentlemen, does amount to something; it is \$20,000,000 a year, and it is the vote of the old soldier alone, but it is the vote of his sons, and of his grandsons, you might say, and his sons-in-law, and so forth. We can control 2,000,000 votes in the United States, and we are going to cast a majority of them for William Jennings Bryan."

The next meeting of the organization will be held Thursday.

The additional list of vice presidents and honorary members elected is as follows:

Low Hutchins, M. W. Sullivan, Thomas G. Allen, Lloyd Swarth, A. S. Dulin, M. J. Whelan, W. Parker, Dr. Donald McLeod, J. L. Welles, David Anderson, Edward L. Wilson, C. D. Clayton, Andrew Wilson, Noel W. Barksdale, Howard Rod, A. R. McChesney, J. E. Swain, A. F. Shoemaker, George Alexander, Robert Newman, Joe McCarthy, Charles B. Newman, W. B. Parker, Hugh Harvey, H. Clay Browning, M. B. Scanlon, J. S. Esby-Smith, T. O. Varnell, John P. Briggs, W. C. Carter, W. W. Spurr, W. M. Waters, William A. Eastenden, Ellis Sheets, Capt. M. W. Wines, E. W. Oyster, P. T. Noland, W. G. Taylor, W. C. Foster, J. P. B. Kearney, Matt W. Moore, Dr. Roman, Dr. J. F. Moran, Dr. W. L. Ivaldi, James Gallagher, William K. Thomas, Fred J. Jones, Benjamin Davis, C. H. Newman, C. K. Berryman, W. J. Dejer, Frederick B. Koeler, J. P. Powell, John J. Henry, L. T. Burdine, William F. Gule, J. M. Harris, A. A. Jones, J. M. Ford, John Boyle, Edwin A. Newman, John M. Jones, J. C. Engood, Fred Merklemer, J. L. Engood, Frank A. Barrett, and H. H. Taggart.

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